

Lydeard St Lawrence and Tolland Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd June 2024 at Lydeard St Lawrence Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Councillors in attendance: Cllrs Jonathan Marshall (Chairman), Deborah Telling, (Vice-Chair), Don Hobson, Mary Harding, David Oxley, and Maeve Vickery.

No Questions from members of the Public

County Councillors Report - a monthly newsletter update has been circulated.

24.036 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Mark Peters

24.037 **Declarations of interest** – None.

24.038 **The Minutes** of the meeting held on 22nd April 2024 were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

24.039 **Matters Arising** – No-one has come forward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr Cox. The Chairman stated that his priority was getting a replacement Parish Clerk, so the matter of the casual vacancy has taken second place.

24.040 **Planning - Applications received for comment from Somerset Council**
The following Planning Applications were sent to Councillors for comment:

41/24/0003 – Application to fell one oak tree included in Taunton Deane Borough (Tolland No 1) Tree Preservation Order 2013 at Oaklea House, East Town Lane, Tolland (TD1105)

41/24/0004 - Replacement of conservatory with the erection of a two-storey extension to the rear of Grove House, Tolland Road, Tolland

41/24/0005 - Erection of a single storey extension to the front of Brufords, Tolland Road, Tolland

No objections were raised to any of the above planning applications.

24.041 **Parish Clerk Post**

The Chairman reported that he had re-advertised the post in the SALC website including the increased salary, but that to date no applications had been received. He would look into the cost of advertising in the Somerset County Gazette and would also re-advertise in local Parish Magazines. He also asked Councillors to actively seek possible candidates for the position.

24.042 **Financial**

Nothing to report this month.

24.043 **Crime Report Newsletter and Blog from New PCSO Brianna Whelan** was noted by the Council.

Councillors thought that both the blog and the Crime Report were rather thin and rather less informative than they had been previously

24.044 **Correspondence and items for information**

None received.

24.045 **Any other Business**

- Cllr Telling said that there is still an issue with the road flooding near Dyer's Barn, despite the problem having been reported.
- Cllr Hobson remarked that the state of the verge at Stoney Cross made it difficult for vehicles trying to turn on to the Raleigh's Cross road to see oncoming traffic. To be reported to Highways.
- Cllr Harding noted that, in contrast, the verges at both ends of Tolland Road had been kept clear by the efforts of the two landowners, Messrs Gammon and Herrod. Councillors were grateful to both gentlemen for this very useful work.

With no other business the meeting was closed at 8.15pm

The Date of the Next Meeting is on Monday 15th July 2024.